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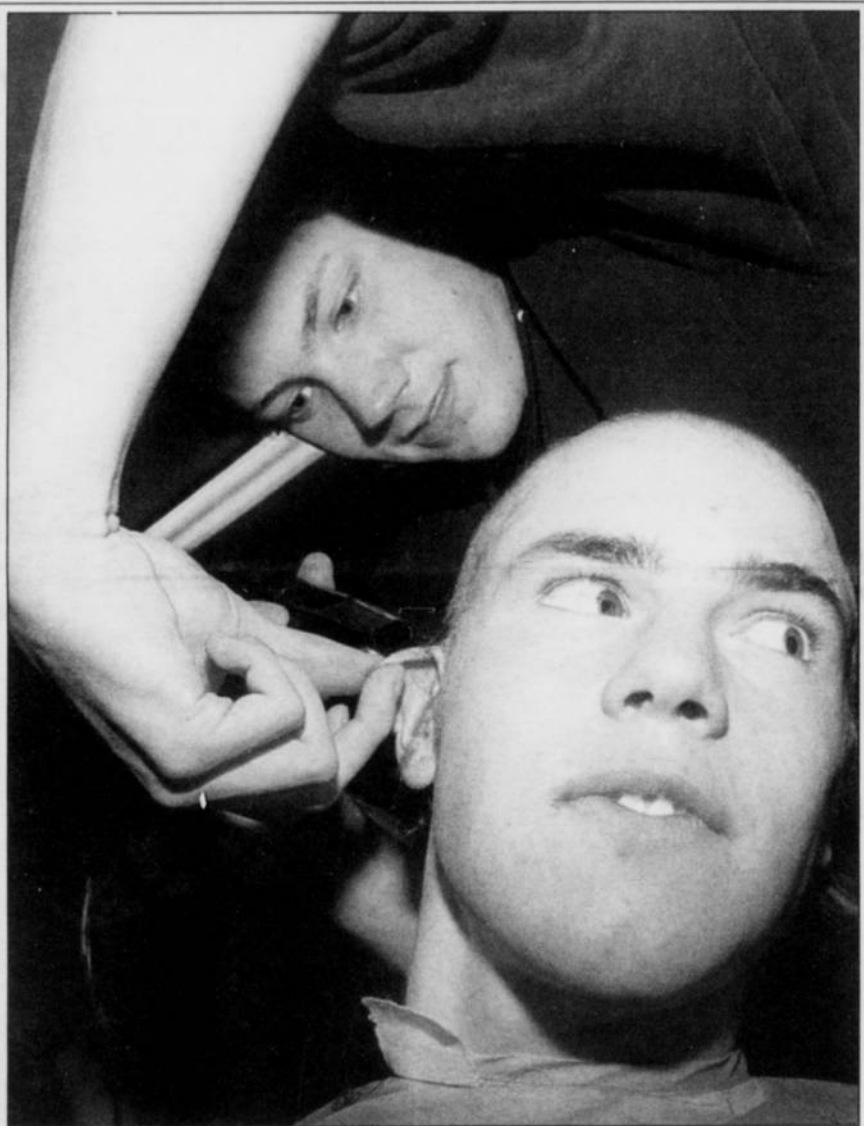


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Born to be shorn

Joel Hibbard, Grade 12 student and president of student council at Olds Koinonia Christian School, gets a close shave from fellow student Shane Friesen. Hibbard and two other students, Michael Able, Grade 7 and Mike Duncalfe, Grade 11 shaved their heads to raise funds for cancer at a local level. Hibbard, Able and Duncalfe raised \$1,300 in total which will be used to support local families, through local churches, dealing with the devastating disease.

Christmas program still open

In recent issues of the Didsbury Review, you may have read articles detailing the Didsbury Adopt-a-Family Program.

Didsbury's Adopt-a-Family Program, like many communities' Santa's Anonymous program, has been running for five years in Didsbury.

There are two aspects to the Adopt-a-Family program - sponsoring a family and being

sponsored. To be sponsored, you must be referred to the program. If your family or organization would like to sponsor a family, you simply need to call us and put your name on the list.

Matches for the program were to be made by December 6, 2002; however, if you're would like to be part of the program, there still may be an op-

portunity to be matched. Please call 335-7369 if you're interested in being a part of the Didsbury-Adopt-a-Family Program.

Happy holidays to one and to all.

Thank you so very much for the sponsors that have come forward already - you're helping make the holidays more joyful for your matched family.

CONFINED FEEDING OPERATION

NRCB grants stay for AAA Cattle Company

Company allowed to operate over permit until appeal

by Richard Westlund

The Natural Resource Conservation Board will allow AAA Cattle Company to operate over what its development permit allows until a decision is made regarding its appeal of a denied application that would see the business grow to over 18,000 head.

AAA Cattle Company made an Application for Stay for Enforcement Order 02-01 after their application was denied by the NRCB.

The company had been directed to reduce their numbers to 2,500 head which would be in compliance with their Mountain View County permit, but hadn't done so at the time of the hearing.

Although the previous extension ran out Oct 31, 2002, the NRCB Board decided to hold off on any enforcement action until the outcome of the Nov. 27 hearing.

"The Panel is prepared to vary EO 02-01 and will grant an extension tied to the Panel's consideration of the forthcoming hearing No. RA 02001 (AAA Cattle Company's appeal of the denial of their application for a combined 2,000 head beef finisher and 16,200 head beef feeder facility), scheduled to commence on 5 February 2003," stated the decision released last Friday.

"Should AAA Cattle be unsuccessful in convincing the Board to overturn the Approval Officer's decision to deny an Approval to expand its feedlot operation, AAA Cattle will have 30 days from the date of the Panel's decision to reduce its numbers to 2,500 head. The Panel expects AAA

Cattle to maintain the number of cattle at or below 4,500 head until such time as the Board issues its decision."

The decision goes on to state that if an NRCB inspection determines the feedlot has more than 4,500 head in the meantime, AAA Cattle Company will be forced to reduce its numbers to 2,500 within 30 days immediately. If they fail to do that the Panel will direct AAA Cattle to fully depopulate.

The Panel recognized the fact that AAA Cattle Company has not been in compliance with its permit.

"The Panel notes that AAA Cattle has not made a significant effort to reduce its numbers as per Condition 1 of EO 02-01. This is unfortunate since the Panel believes that Mr. McKinley (NRCB inspector who ordered the reduction) took a fair and reasonable approach in allowing the company to re-establish compliance with its development permit."

At the hearing AAA Cattle Company owners Simon Cobban and Gerald Morrash said they didn't try to meet the 2,500 numbers because it would put them out of business and they expected approval for the larger feedlot from the NRCB which would have brought them into compliance.

The Panel accepted that argument.

"The Panel is satisfied that the owners of AAA Cattle had, in their minds, a reasonable expectation that its application to the NRCB for Approval of an expansion of its facility would be granted. Given this, the Panel also believes that it was logical for the company to expect that, by obtaining the Approval, it would have addressed the issue raised in EO 02-01 regarding whether the operation was not in compliance with its development permit."

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ELDON FOOTE HALL

Meeting expected to answer questions about train station

CPR willing to make donation to community

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury Town Council will further investigate how the train station will be used in the future before committing to taking ownership of the historical site.

Council passed a motion to set up a meeting with stakeholders of the building to find out how the building operations would take place in the future.

The train station issue was before Council again last week after receiving correspondence from Eldon Foote who has been working with CP Rail on the issue.

Foote said in a letter dated Nov. 16 that he received a letter from the Vice President of Real Estate for the CPR John Walsh showing the CPR's preparedness to donate the land the building sits on to the community.

"With the uncertainties removed, i.e. a lease due to ex-

pire in 2007, no right to sublet, and a transfer of title assured I would hope any impediments to the Town taking title to the property should now be resolved and the town will be prepared to acquire this valuable asset at no cost and to assume responsibility of ownership and recognition of rights of the Scouts and Guides to the use of the building as their permanent home," wrote Foote in his letter to Council.

A permanent solution has been sought by the Town on the issue of the train station. In 1987 significant upgrades were made to the train station and the CPR signed a contract regarding the sale of the land to the Town for fair market value. The Town of Didsbury never signed the document. With the lease of the land set to run out in 2007 a permanent solution has been sought.

At a Council meeting at the beginning of October, Council voted in principal to purchase Eldon Foote Hall subject to certain conditions being met.

The conditions included that the no-sublet clause issue on the land be resolved to clarify that market rent leases are allowable in the entire building area,

that the land be assured on a long-term basis, that a group be chosen as being responsible for the continuing maintenance and fiscal management and marketing of the building and that the Train Station Society or the Lions be responsible for any shortfall in operating expenses.

Council is looking for a legal agreement and would like to see monthly reports on the building until long-term stability is established.

"The conditions are moving along but we are still (a long ways) from meeting them," said Mayor Dorothy Moore at the Council meeting last week.

Councillor Clem Kuelker said he thought the conditions would all be feasible but that more information was still needed regarding what would happen if there was a shortfall in operating the building.

Council has expressed concern about whether the building would be used enough to take care of itself without becoming a financial liability to the Didsbury taxpayers.

The meeting was established so that Council could give Foote a quick answer about Council's position on the issue as he continues to deal with CPR.

Didsbury man pleads guilty to assaulting eight-year-old girl

A 23-year-old Didsbury man who repeatedly sexually assaulted an eight-year-old girl under his care over a nine month period starting in July 2001 will be sentenced next month.

Adam Fernando Bercier pleaded guilty to a charge of sexual assault before Judge Terry Semenuk in Didsbury provincial court on Monday afternoon.

The accused assaulted the victim on six or seven occasions between July 1, 2001 and March 31, 2002 while alone

with the child, Crown prosecutor Danny Elliott told Judge Semenuk.

The assaults involved the accused forcing the victim to perform oral sex on him, court heard. A publication ban protects the victim's identity.

The judge ordered a presentence report and a forensic risk assessment conducted on the accused at Calgary's Peter Lougheed Hospital.

The Crown will seek penitentiary time for the accused when he is back in court on January 15 for sentencing, prosecutor Elliott said after court.

Sexual assault carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

Bercier still faces two other charges of sexual interference and inviting sexual touching relating to the same victim, court heard.

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CROSSING THE STREET

Adult crossing guard program expected in new year

by Richard Westlund

An adult crossing guard program will be set up by community members following a meeting that took place last week to address "unsafe conditions" since the student crossing guard was disbanded earlier this year.

Thirteen community members, including local principals attended the meeting and agreed on short term and long term solutions to the problem - including having streets patrolled by adult volunteers.

Dan Peters, who organized the meeting, said the group is hoping to have a program implemented for students returning to school after the Christmas holidays.

"The goal is to have this up and running as quickly as possible," said Peters. "We want to have this set up by the community, as it is a community concern."

Peters said the Town of Didsbury will be approached about helping out with equipment for the project and the schools about storing it.

How big the program ends up being will be determined by the number of volunteers that come forward to help. Peters said there are four intersections near the school that should be patrolled but that the group would be willing to start by patrolling one street if initial volunteer numbers are low. Peters said the group is expecting to be running two patrols a day.

While the group expected the adult patroller would improve safety immensely, long term solutions will continue to be sought.

Peters said the group talked about addressing issues having to do with parking on the street, signage and traffic flow.

A fence was discussed to encourage students to use the crosswalks as well as a lit-crosswalk light.

Peters also said he was impressed by the people that showed up for the meeting.

"It was a very positive meeting and there was good representation from concerned parties. We, as a community, need to be the ones doing this."

Westglen's school patrol was disbanded earlier this year after the Alberta Motor Association changed the rules about how patrollers were to control the intersections.

Instead of walking into the middle of the street to stop traffic, patrollers were supposed to stand on the sidewalk holding their signs out as students crossed in the intersection.

Westglen adhered to the regulation changes, but experienced a dangerous incident every day for the first week of the new system.

Principal Phil Corning then made the decision to disband the system, because he thought it was putting students at risk.

The Town of Didsbury and Chinook's Edge school division have also expressed concern about the crossing guard issue.

Peters said there is now a search for a volunteer that would coordinate the program. Interested volunteers can contact Peters at 335-3377.

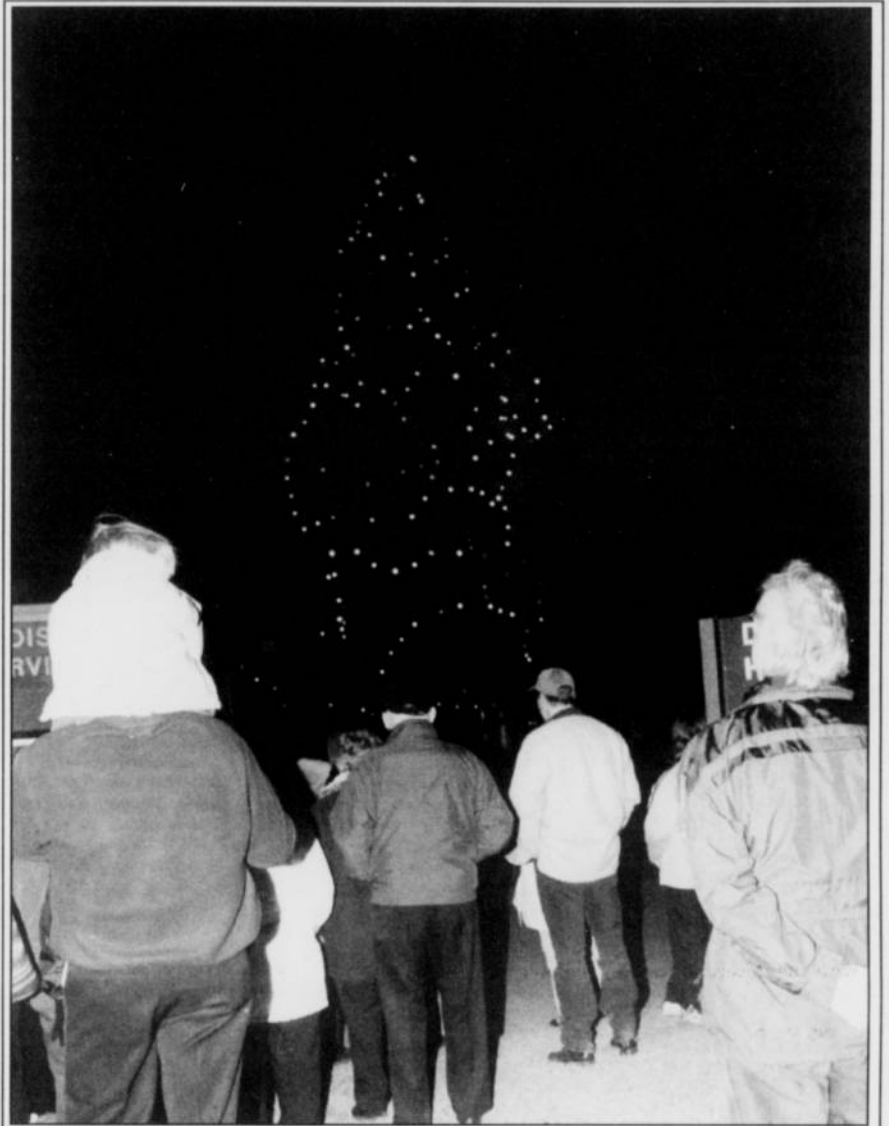


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Light up the night

Didsburians flocked to the official lighting of the Tree of Hope at the Didsbury Hospital. The fundraiser, which allows donors to light a bulb in memory of a loved one who has passed on or for a Christmas greeting, raised an unofficial \$3,000 this year.

IN THE COURTS

Careless Calgary driver fined

A 58-year-old Calgary man stopped north of Sundre after a citizen called police to report an erratic driver, has been fined.

Kjell Roger Gjertson pleaded guilty on Dec. 2 to a charge of careless driving. The Crown withdrew a charge of impaired operation.

The accused was pulled over on Hwy 22 on August 29. The arresting officer noticed the man driving erratically before stopping him, court heard.

The officer found about three grams of marijuana in the man's vehicle, leading to a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

During the December 2 court hearing, the accused argued that he was not smoking the marijuana while he was driving and that the drug was for personal use only.

The man said he smokes marijuana, in part, to help him deal with a medical condition called attention deficit disorder.

Citing the accused's previous clean record and the medical

condition, Judge Semenuk gave the accused an absolute discharge on the drug charge.

The judge fined the accused \$1,000 on the careless driving charge.

Accused had marijuana

A 30-year-old man stopped by police for speeding near Cremona in October has been convicted of drug possession.

Sandy Earl Clayton pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

The accused was stopped for speeding on Hwy 22 near Cremona on Oct. 1. When the arresting officer noticed a strong smell of marijuana in the vehicle he searched it and found 19 grams of the drug, court heard.

The accused has a previous marijuana possession conviction in 1992.

Judge Semenuk fined Clayton \$300.

Man kicked out police car window

A 19-year-old man who kicked the window out of an RCMP vehicle during a

drunken incident in Bowden last summer has been ordered to pay restitution.

John Robert Laduke pleaded guilty to charges of mischief and possession of a controlled substance. The Crown withdrew charges of breach of probation and possession of stolen property.

The accused was arrested at the Bowden Rodeo on July 28 after being asked to leave the beer garden for being intoxicated.

When he returned police were called and the accused was placed in a police cruiser.

Moments later the accused became irate and kicked out the window, causing \$208.92 damage.

The drug charge related to a May 15 search of the accused's home in Bowden when two grams of marijuana were found.

Judge Semenuk handed the accused a 12 month suspended sentence and ordered him to pay restitution to the RCMP for the broken window.

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Murray Marsh, Chair of the Committee for Lone Pine - a group that was set up by local residents to fight the feedlot's expansion, said he was disappointed with the result. He said he thought NRCB Chairman's questions about the need for businesses to be in compliance to create a level playing field suggested that the Board was going to send a message to others that did not comply with permits.

"I don't think they sent that message at all," said Marsh. "I thought that if they granted a stay it would be short term. And there was no mention of a fine."

Marsh said before the meeting the community had little confidence in the NRCB process.

There was a renewed hope after the Nov. 27 hearing, but Marsh said that's all gone now.

The Committee for Lone

Pine has spent \$25,000 fighting the feedlot expansion - mostly in legal costs. Marsh said last week he didn't know if there would be enough funds to continue the fight.

Meanwhile AAA Cattle Company owner Simon Cobban was very pleased with the outcome of the decision. He thought the board considered all of the aspects of the case in making their decision.

"Obviously we are very pleased with the result," he said.

He said he didn't know which way the decision would go after the hearing and was wondering what aspects would weigh the heaviest on the panel's mind.

Cobban said the feedlot will have little trouble in keeping its numbers under 4,500 head and added the company is not willing to go over at this stage of the process.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Fullfilling mandates



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

Community members met last week to discuss what should be done to help Didsbury students get to and from school safely.

Concerns have been expressed since the Alberta Motor Association changed the policy on how patrollers are supposed to perform their duties and the local patrol was disbanded because those changes created concerns.

It is their intention to set up an adult crossing guard program that will perform two shifts a day on school days.

The wheel is now in motion and implementation of the idea is the next step.

To make the idea work, volunteers are needed. Those interested in helping to make streets safer to cross can call Dan Peters at 335-3377.

Peters said the Town, schools and RCMP are all backing the community initiative and rightly so. When citizens are willing to step forward and make a difference in their community they should receive support from the powers that be.

Community action not only dictates the will of the people but the strength of that wish.

The Town will still be approached about long-term solutions for the area and the Chinook's Edge School board will look at all schools to see what can be done to make streets safer to cross in all of the urban centres they represent.

It is important that changes in this situation are made to prevent a situation from occurring rather than after a tragic incident occurs.



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Wonderings of the heart

"Who Is Christmas"

by Margaret Fradley

Once again, one of our busiest times of the year is approaching. The time for selecting, buying, giving and sending cards and gifts; the time for decorating, putting out lights; and decorating our trees and homes; a time for family get togethers; activities, concerts, programs, cooking baking and numerous other preparations.

There is a story told of two friends who met for lunch in a very exclusive restaurant, a friend saw them and came over to their table & asked them if they were celebrating some special occasion. "Oh yes, replied one of the women, "we are celebrating the birthday of our youngest child, he's two today". "Oh" replied the first lady, "where's the baby?" The mother of the child replied, "I made arrangements with my mother to look after him, while we went for lunch; It wouldn't have been the same, or as much fun, or as relaxing with him along."

"Imagine", said the friend. "A birthday celebration for a child who isn't welcome at his own party."

As we ponder this somewhat amusing anecdote, we see this can also happen in our situation, at this time of year as we allow ourselves to become so absorbed in our activities and celebration, we forget, or perhaps we feel it wouldn't be as much fun or as relaxing so we tend to forget the "One" who's birth we celebrate.

As we move into this busy season, with all its demands on our time and energy. Let us take time to remember the "One" who came on Christmas Day, the 'one' who came not to be ministered unto but to minister to others to remember the 'one' who gave His very life that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

FROM THE MP'S OFFICE

Gun registry shot down by Canada's auditor general

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose was disgusted this week following the release of the Auditor General's report in which she uncovered not only the true cost of the federal gun registry but worse that the information was deliberately kept from Parliament.

The original 'guestimate' for the registry when it was first introduced by the Liberals in 1995 was \$2 million. The Auditor General Sheila Fraser revealed this week that the actual cost is well over \$1 billion, 500 times what was originally projected.

"This entire government, beginning with the Prime Minister and every Minister in Cabinet deliberately concealed the cost of this registry and they have no intention of stopping. This is yet another example in a long list of this government's inexcusable failure to account for the way it spends taxpayers' money. First we had \$1 billion thrown away on the Transitional Jobs Fund and then the HRDC scandal. When will these billion dollar boondoggles come to an end? How on earth

can the Canadian public be assured that both Kyoto and the Romanow report on medicare won't continue this list of abuse," questioned Thompson.

"The Prime Minister actually had the nerve to blame interference from the provinces and various gun lobbyists for the skyrocketing costs of the gun registry. In typical Liberal fashion he refused to acknowledge calls for the resignations of former Justice Minister's Allan Rock and Ann McLellan for the handling of this issue, as well as the Finance Minister Paul Martin who supervised the spending of this program," said Thompson.

"The only intelligent option left for this government is what both the Reform Party and the Canadian Alliance have been calling for since 1995, scrap the gun registry program once and for all. When 90% of licenses and registration applications contain errors and when the RCMP have serious concerns with the reliability of the information in its firearms database, you have to know when its game over," concluded Thompson.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Gun control bill should be repealed in its entirety

Dear Editor,

Bill C-68 for Gun Control has reached \$1 billion dollars (original cost was estimated to be \$2 million and then they raised it to \$85 million) Allan Rock originally stated that if it reached \$100 million he would cancel the whole thing!

Did you know the firearms act states as of January 1st, 2003 that all rifles and shotguns must be registered, you must be "the holder of a registration certificate" not that you simply have applied!! Firearm owners are being advised to send in their applications early enough that it can be argued that the Canadian Firearms Centre had sufficient time to process and return the registration certificate. Guess what, as of November 29, 2002 the Minister of Justice Martin Cauchon has changed the Law again. As long as individuals and businesses have applied by Dec.31- 2002, they will not be penalized for not having the registration certificate in hand.

Minister Cauchon has announced a six month grace period for firearm owners who submit their registration application but do not have their certificates in hand by January 1, 2003. This is part of the governments commitment to ensure that law abiding citizens are not penalized" (which he means breaking the criminal code ie: fined or put in jail). Remember all firearms were to be registered by Dec. 31, 2001 (Last year). The fact was that so few complied to register their firearms, the gov't changed their minds again and made a grace period to Dec. 31- 2002. Aren't they

breaking their own laws as they keep changing them?

The government is now saying that there are 2.3 million firearm owners. The gov'ts original "comprehensive study" showed that there was 3.3 million gun owners. Isn't it nice that they can just drop 1 million gun owners so to make it look better on paper. So far 70% or 1.6 million firearm owners (out of the 2.3 million estimate) have acted to comply with registration. That leaves 700,000 gun owners who haven't registered yet, or is it 1.7 million left by the first studies estimates !!!

On July 23, 2002 the government estimated that there are 11 million guns in Canada. Just over 4 million have been registered since they started this process. It makes you wonder, how can the system handle the remaining 7 million guns in less than 3 weeks?

Then on Dec. 4 the liberals ran out of money to continue their firearms registration program. They are now needing another \$72 million to keep the program going. Will there be an end to their requests for more money? Then the next day, on Dec. 5 the Justice Dept. withdrew their request. What a joke!

"The goal of the firearms program is to enhance public safety by keeping firearms from those who should not have them". Has the criminal registered his firearms? Will he ever register his firearm? Do we feel safer now?

In Maclean's April 25, 1994 page 12 Allan Rock said "I came to Ottawa with the firm belief that the only peo-

ple in this country who should have guns are police officers and soldiers". So completely disarming the country is Rocks true long range plan! When you look at our military it makes you wonder if they're not trying to disarm them too. Lets just say to the world "come on over, we are yours for the taking!!"

When they first started the gun control there was a \$10.00 fee, then it went to \$18. However no one would register, so to make it more appealing they waived the fees to draw in more registers. Of course we knew that it would cost us later, with an ever increasing fee, once they have the guns registered in their system. No surprise, starting Jan 1, 2003 there will be a transfer and registration fee of \$25.00 per firearm.

Like the gun control bill, will the Kyoto Protocol end up costing 12.5 times the original estimates? Will they push it through like they did the gun control law? Who will pay the bill for this one?

The public of Canada are being encouraged to sign a petition on line. Voice your opinion, use your freedom of speech to do something that takes less than 5 minutes. It is a petition requesting that the Parliament move to freeze further spending on implementation or privatization of the National Firearms Registry and repeal Bill C-68 in its entirety. Visit this site today! Signatures are being added at about 10-15 per minute at www.petitiononline.com/scrape58/petition.html.

Sincerely,
Don Day
Carstairs, AB

Work still needs to be completed for Christmas Helpers campaign

Dear Editor,

A great big thanks to all who have already come forward to help us make this years Christmas Helpers a success. Didsbury is truly a special place to live! However more help financially is needed to pay for turkeys and food for the boxes.

Just to quickly answer some questions that many people ask.

1. Donations need to be brought to the Zion Evangelical

Missionary Church by Dec. 19th, so they can be sorted etc.

2. Giftwrapping at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church Sunday Dec. 22 at 2:00 p.m. All who like wrapping gifts invited. Come as a family. See you there.

3. Toys and gifts may be dropped off at the Post Office.

4. People who find themselves in need of help this Christmas please phone Bev at Zion Church 335-3629.

5. The Christmas Dinner happens for all people who are alone this Christmas at the Didsbury Elks Hall at 1:00 on Dec. 25. Please bring a small wrapped gift for exchange. Anyone wishing to help make someones Christmas Day special please contact Linda Sirt 335-4832 or 335-2378.

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- Regular Council: December 23, 2002
- Corporate Services: January 9, 2003
- MPC: December 18, 2002
- Community Services: December 17, 2002

NOTICE

Please be advised that the Didsbury Town Council will now hold their regular council meetings every third Monday at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Notice

Residential Garbage Collection Schedule for the Christmas Season

Tuesday, December 24th, 2002

Residential garbage collections will take place for the entire town. If your garbage pickup is normally on a Wednesday, your pickup will change to Tuesday for this week only. Please ensure that your rollout carts are out by 7:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, December 31st, 2002

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NEW SWIMMING POOL

Olds Aquatic Centre limited after safety concerns

by Carla Victor

Potential problems with the waterslide and the diving board at the Olds Aquatic Centre has forced the closure of the two pool facilities and a problem with patrons slipping as they enter the pool will result in the draining of the main tank at the end of January.

The Olds Aquatic Centre remains open for business with no schedule changes despite the closure of the waterslide and the diving board.

In the case of the waterslide there has been one documented injury where the rider hurt his shoulder.

The diving board was closed when a person dove and hit his head on the bottom of the pool.

The cause for the temporary week-long facility shut down, expected to occur in January, is to increase the grit on the beach area as between three and four people, per day, are slipping as they enter the pool.

Dale Withage, Town of Olds CAO, said there has been other cases of patrons receiving small cuts and abrasions from the slide and third party reports of other injuries as a result of the slide but none were reported to staff.

"The diving board incident was reported to us and we sent him to the hospital as a precautionary measure. My understanding is that the person is okay, thankfully. The injury recorded on the slide is that the person hurt their shoulder. We have heard, through third parties, there have been more injuries, but none were reported to staff.

"Falls in the beach area have not resulted in injuries."

In all cases, the closures are to ensure the safety of people using the pool.

"When the manufacturers of the slide were given this information, they said 'let's shut it down until we get a chance to get out there and check it out,'" said Withage. Linus Murphy,

engineer with Cohos Evemy Partners and designer of the pool, said first indications from an ongoing investigation is it appears as though the diving board may have been installed incorrectly at the time of the incident.

He said in every case, the pool itself, the diving board and the basin of the pool (the deep part of the pool) meets all of the standards or exceeds them in every case.

"I haven't heard how the person did it (how they were using the board at the time of the incident) - if they were really rifling on it - but the installation of the diving board was absolutely complete. There were parts of the board that need to be in place so the board doesn't bounce as much as it can. It may have been installed wrong or incomplete at the time it was being used," said Murphy.

He said all of these incidents have never occurred in any other pool he designed and they are surprising.

"It is quite surprising, it is one of these things, that you do every thing to code then something goes astray. It is almost like you are putting in a street, you can't design it for every condition but you design it for every condition that seems reasonable. We were quite surprised when we heard about it," said Murphy.

Currently the diving board is going to be replaced with something much stiffer. It should be complete in a couple of weeks.

Engineers have gone back to the drawing board with the design of the slide to see what can be done to slow it down and still keep it a fast ride.

"At first there wasn't any concern and then we heard some people were saying they were uncomfortable with the ride and it was too aggressive in places.

"This company has literally designed hundreds of these

slides that are similar so to have someone complaining and to say it is too aggressive they take it seriously and make changes," said Murphy.

He said the slippery beach area is one of the trial and error things to be expected in any new building.

Murphy used standard material, a higher grade material, in this industry. The question with the pool's beach area is the amount of grit used.

"The health inspector is always wanting to err on the side of not having anyone being able to cut themselves on the material. When it was first being installed the health inspector wanted to not have any type of grit installed because he was worried that someone would walk on it and cut themselves and have blood in the water. We put some grit into it so the amount of non-slip surface is consistent with the amount of non-slip surface that any zero entry pool would have. Right now we just need to find the right balance to keep the patrons comfortable going down and the non-grit the health inspector will be happy with.

"It is a hit and miss kind of thing, and we need to drop the level of the pool to apply it."

The Town is just erring on the side of safety in all these instances.

"As embarrassing as it is to have something like this close, you want to err on the side of safety," said Murphy.


Having the pool open so soon after its completion could be a small factor.

"Hindsight is always wonderful," said Murphy. "You can

look back at anything and say it would have been better to wait. Looking at the bad press or the possibility of bad press vs safety it would have been better, I think, to have been able to wait; however, at the time, everything was done that seemed to be reasonable. Every code was checked and everything was done."

Murphy said these repairs will not cost the town anything and manufacturers will be covering resulting expenses.

Sandy McCurdy, aquatic coordinator, said people are still using the pool and the facilities that are open are working well, but people are definitely disappointed the waterslide is closed."




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Ever active program jogs forward at training session

Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 (CESD) is gearing up for its first training session and launch of the "Ever Active Schools" program. Two teachers and one parent are invited from each of the division's 38 schools, to a training session set to occur on Tuesday, December 10, 2002.

"The purpose of December 10th is to assist schools in understanding what the Ever Active Program can offer them, and how it fits with each school's goals," said Dot Negropontes, Deputy Superintendent, CESD.

On October 9, 2002, the CESD School Board, voted to support a program throughout Chinook's Edge that would emphasize physical fitness and wellness with students. Having read research about rising obesity rates in children, trustees felt it important to take action. "Ever Active" is a program that is recognized by Alberta Learning that incorporates resources and support for schools in the

area of health and wellness.

On December 10th, school representatives will gather at the Innisfail Legion to learn more about the Ever Active program.

The group will hear how the program has been implemented in other schools. In addition, representatives will have the opportunity to participate in some activities that could be a part of a school's program. Another part of the day will be a brainstorming session, to come up with ideas about how student health and wellness could be improved in the school setting. Subjects that could be discussed include self esteem, substance abuse, healthy eating, bullying, etc.

There are two additional training sessions planned to follow up on the launch of the program. Those are set for March and September 2003. The same people (a Phys. Ed. teacher, a non Phys. Ed teacher, and a parent from each school) will be invited to the upcoming

sessions.

"The first session has been designed so schools can take away specific information, as well as a clear and unified vision," said Jim Barritt, Coordinator, CESD Curriculum & Instruction. "Also, it's a chance for them to express to us what they need in order to accomplish the vision at the school level."

"The launch of the Ever Active program is really a launch of a long term, sustained emphasis on health and wellness," said Negropontes. Many of our schools are already achieving positive results in this area. The Ever Active program will assist schools as we, as a division, strengthen our vision." Negropontes also said that the Ever Active program is just a starting point to the Division's focus on health and wellness. Negropontes said the Board and the Division's administration will continue to look for ways that student health can be improved.

Didsbury Campground rates rise

by Richard Westlund

It will cost more to set up camp in town after Council raised campground rates for next year.

Didsbury Town Council approved the hikes last week following recommendations that came from a Nov. 12 Operational Services Committee meeting.

Daily rates for the outside loop will be increased from \$13 to \$15 and from \$11 to \$13 for the inside loop. Weekly rates will jump from \$80 to \$100 for the outside loop and \$65 to \$80 for the inside loop. Monthly rates

will rise from \$320 to \$350 for the outside loop and from \$260 to \$290 for the inside loop.

Group Use Bookings will increase to \$130 from \$110 per

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The Historical Society Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Museum in Didsbury. Address is 2120-21 Avenue. Phone 335-9295. Membership is \$20.00 per year.

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According to Cliff Wallis of the Alberta Wilderness Association, these techniques are "an effective way of reducing impacts."

Petro-Canada recently received glowing reviews from Alberta Environment for its "under-canopy" survey work near Fort McMurray.

The only mark that the Petro-Canada crew left in the bush was a crooked walking trail and some auger holes. This approach leaves little trace of the survey, saves trees and commercial lumber, and preserves natural forest cover for animals.

In situations where it's possible to use low impact seismic exploration, industry has been very successful in reducing environmental effects.

Sour gas safety update

SOUR GAS AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS SOMETHING Albertans take very seriously. In response to public concerns about sour gas development, an independent committee formed by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) made 87 recommendations to improve the understanding, handling and regulation of sour gas. The EUB, with help from its many stakeholders, including industry, have made real progress on more than half of the recommendations, and 14 are already complete.

The recommendations reflect the thinking and concerns of residents in every part of the province.

In Pincher Creek, committee members heard the EUB must apply its regulations consistently. Grande Prairie and Leduc residents stressed that sour gas pipelines must be safe. First Nations and Métis communities everywhere called for better emergency response planning and consultation that respects their cultural uniqueness and traditional lands.

Paul Jackson, who lives near Calgary, served on the committee from the beginning. He and his young family lived close to a proposed sour gas well and he had concerns for their future health and safety.

"At first I was skeptical that such a large, diverse committee could function effectively, and initially the process was not smooth. However, once the participants settled down, their differences fell away. It was amazing how well they worked toward constructive solutions."

Jackson says, "Everyone realized this was a golden opportunity to create positive change that would be to everyone's benefit. And that's what pretty much happened. The implementation of our recommendations strengthened the regulations in the interests of public health and safety while meeting the need for industrial growth."

Synergy works for all

A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE A STAKE IN OIL AND GAS development in Alberta. That's why more than 40 "synergy" groups across the province are working together to resolve local issues in productive ways. At the heart of a synergy group is the notion that the result of combined effort is greater than what any one person could have achieved on their own.

Each community shapes their group to reflect their particular needs and issues. Group members include landowners, concerned citizens, industry representatives and regulators.

These groups can now be found throughout Alberta including Zama, Wainwright, Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, Rocky Mountain House, Sundre, Waterton and Vulcan.



Brooke Baillie, Kathryn, Alberta

In 2001, stakeholders including synergy group members, the Alberta Energy & Utilities Board and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers collaborated to organize *Making Synergy Real* – a unique conference focused on working together effectively.

In February 2002, 250 participants from across Alberta gathered in Red Deer to share their experiences. They found themselves celebrating successes from all over the province and learning valuable lessons from their neighbours.

Brooke Baillie, who raises cattle near Kathryn is one of those people. She belongs to Residents for Responsible Energy Development. "We've been successful in educating and providing moral support to local people when they have to deal with a new or expanding development. We simply want the petroleum industry to act responsibly when they're working on our land."

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Local artist wins Stampede bronzing competition

Piece will be used as Stampede trophy

by Richard Westlund

The destination of Sandy Farr's latest bronze has not been determined yet, but what is known is that pomp and circumstance will accompany the presentation.

Farr, a local artist, will have her bronze of a woman and her horse presented to the next five barrel racing champions at the Calgary Stampede.

And while the bronze will recognize a huge honour, it is Farr who is overwhelmed by the destination of her work.

"It was unbelievable," said Farr about winning her category of the Calgary Stampede Bronze Competition. "I just couldn't believe it. There were people bringing their bronzes up from the United States, who own their own foundrys."

The sculpture, which is made completely of clay right now, was only the fourth bronze created by Farr so far.

Farr said the recognition will be a huge break for her as she is just getting started with her bronzes. The bronzing price tag from a foundry is quite expensive and the Stampede bronze will help become more recognized.

"It is a huge break. I can't market myself, because to go out and get 15 bronzes done is impossible. That's why this is so neat," said Farr.

The clay sculpture she entered in the Stampede competition was a work that took months to complete. She modelled the horse in the sculpture after one of Dallas and

Fay Haeberle's animals and brought a saddle into her work space to create a likeness for her piece.

The details of the piece are incredible and include everything from fingernails on the cowgirl, a Wrangler patch on the back right pocket of her jeans and nails in the hooves of the horse for the horse-shoes.

When completed, the clay piece will go to the foundry where it will be bronzed. After Farr sends the piece in she will likely wait six months before it comes back.

Before she decided she wanted to make bronzes, Farr moulded her works out of sugar. An accomplished artist,

"It is a huge break. I can't market myself, because to go out and get 15 bronzes done is impossible. That's why this is so neat."

- Sandy Farr, Artist

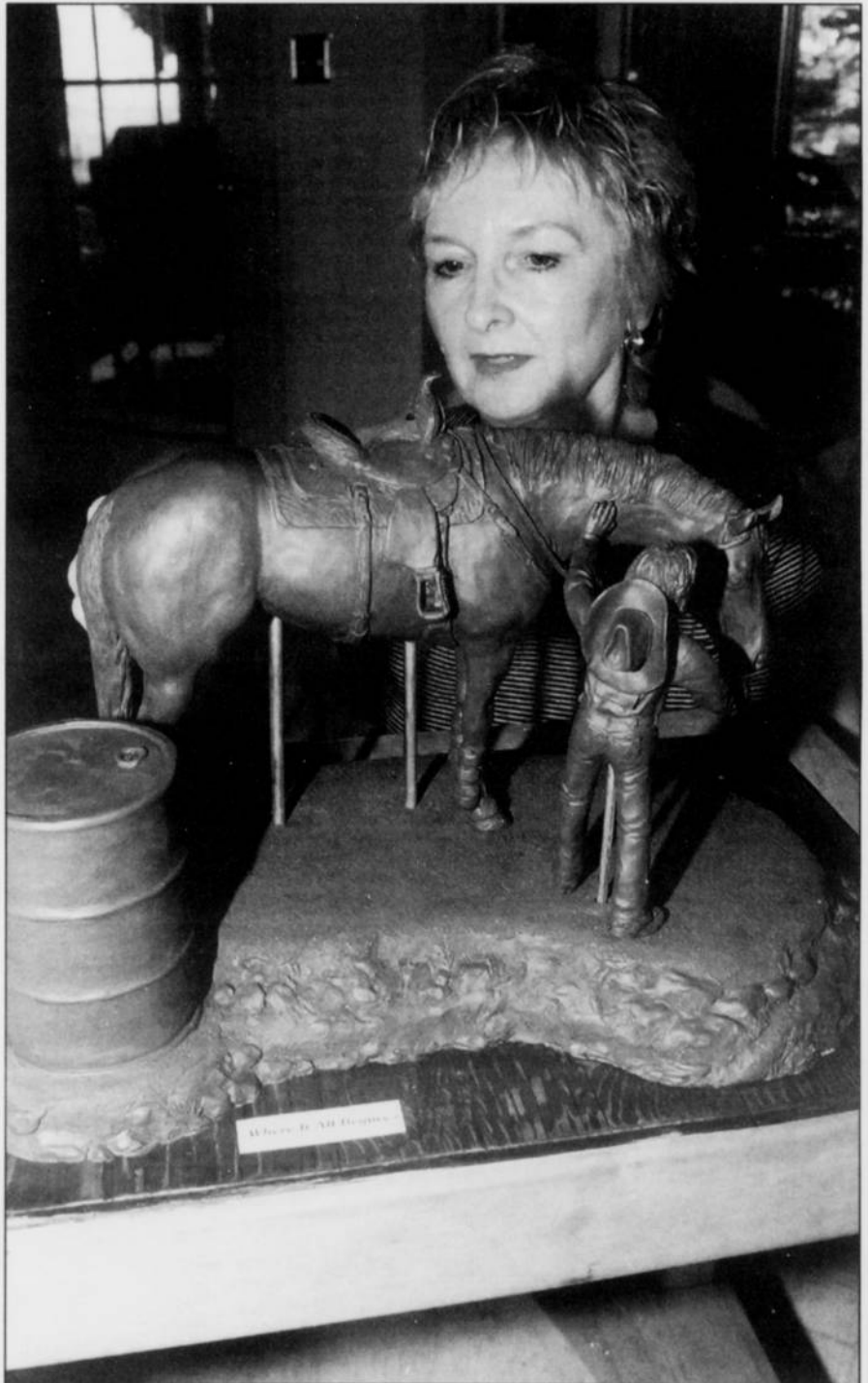
Farr's living room contains paintings of her children and wildlife scenes she has done.

She has explored different genres and styles and has always been successful with her next challenge.

And the Didsbury-area artist is now looking at her next challenge.

She wants to submit a work for the next Stampede competition five years from now. But she now has her heart set on creating a work for the chuckwagon races trophy.

"I have five years to figure out what I want to do for next time," she said.



Artist Sandy Farr looks over the clay creation that won her a contract with the Calgary Stampede to produce bronzes for the next five years for the Calgary Stampede.



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AROUND THE CIRCLE

Volunteers needed to deliver Christmas hampers on Dec. 23

by Marge St. Clair

Please try to help the less fortunate ones in our town by dropping off toys at the Post Office or non perishable foods or money at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church to help the Christmas Helpers put together the Hampers which will be delivered on Dec. 23; the gifts will all be wrapped on Sun. Dec. 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church and you are welcome to come and help.

Fri. Dec. 13

This is Theatre Didsbury's dinner theatre night at the Elks Hall. Tickets are on sale at Mountain View Sports with special rates for seniors and groups of ten or more.

Fri. Dec. 13

The Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church is hosting a Community Christmas Banquet at the Lone Pine Hall at 7:00 p.m. Tickets by phoning Glenda 335-9953 or Vern 335-4436.

Fri. Dec. 13

There will be a Christmas Banquet at Chinook Winds Christian Centre at 7:00 p.m. Tickets by phoning the church office at 335-3551 - (they go fast).

Sat. Dec. 14

There will be a Firearms Safety Course from 8:30 a.m. -

1:00 p.m. To register call 335-2385.

Sat. Dec. 14

The Mountain View Colts will be at the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 p.m. against Livingstone.

This will be the last home game until later in Jan./03, so come out & cheer for the team. The all Star Game is being played in Rimby on Jan. 18/03.

Sun. Dec. 15

This is the afternoon of the Didsbury School Bands Concert in the Westglan School Gym. There will be refreshments and a Silent Auction. The D.H.S. choir will join the three bands. An afternoon of great music for all to enjoy.

Sun. Dec. 15

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church is having the Family Christmas Program at 10:00 a.m. At 7:00 p.m. the Christmas Cantata "Come & Worship" will be presented. Fellowship Time to follow, everyone welcome.

Tues. Dec. 17

Dr. Nugent, foot specialist, will be at the 5-0 Centre from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., no appointment necessary.

Wed. Dec. 18

Hopefully you have your reservations in to Gen 335-3449 or Bea 335-3058 for the Christmas

Lights Tour & supper in Red Deer.

Dec. 20

This is the closing date for entries to the annual Didsbury Farm & Ranch being held at the Didsbury Curling Rink from Jan. 6 -11/03. Phone your entries to Neil Youngs at 335-4496. No restrictions on where you live and women most welcome to enter. Lots of fun & great prizes.

Sat. Dec. 21

Enjoy an evening of Cribbage at the Elks Hall, play starts at 7:30 p.m. Phone Jim or Sharon at 335-3481 to register and all the details.

All Hospital Auxiliary members please note: The meeting has been postponed from Jan. 2 to Thurs., Jan 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital.

The members are certainly well pleased with the Bake Sale etc. in late November, thanks to the overwhelming support from the public, it was the best one ever.

The afghans were won by Mary Lynn Leggette and Christina Brooks. More info from Betty 335-7277.

Sun. Jan. 5/03

The Annual General meeting of the Didsbury Ag Society will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Curling Rink Lounge.

SONS OF NORWAY NEWS

Camper thanks group for support

by Noreen Olson

President Ralph Olson opened the November meeting with the usual anthems and welcomed guest Bert Johnson. We also welcomed new member Louise Gobert and look forward to seeing her often. Communications included Newsletters from other Lodges, Trollhaugen Culture Camp News, Minutes from the International Convention and a wonderful letter from Ruby's grandson, Jamie Gerlitz, thanking us for sponsorship and commenting on his camping experience. There was also a list from The Norwegian American Foundation of every Norwegian group in North America, and email from John Lund in regard to new renewal practices.

Under Committee reports everything is booked for Spring Fling on May 3, Culture Classes continue as planned with Rosemaling lessons tabled until January. Sunshine has sent several cards this month and Marion reported that the BINGO at Mt. View Lodge Olds was very successful with a big turn out. The Birthday Tea at Chinook Winds in Carstairs was well attended and the Scandinavian Choir was well received as entertainment.

We received a very nice

Thank You letter from Glenda Huntsberger on behalf of Chinook Winds.

Vice President Barb Olsen on behalf of her committee presented the suggested new slate of officers and the list was accepted as presented.

Plans are underway for our annual fish dinner to be held on Jan 26, one sitting only at 1:00 PM. Edie, Ruby and Barb are making lists, checking supplies and assigning positions. We need raffle items so please think of something suitably Scandinavian that you can donate.

Under Good of the Order; Thordis Kamp thanked us for our sympathy and support in the loss of her Dad, Betty Kennedy thanked the executive for all they do to keep the Lodge afloat and expressed regret that she and Orville live so far away that they cannot take a more active role.

President Ralph welcomed Betty Casebeer and told her how glad we are to see her well again and attending meetings.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Evergreen Centre Olds on December 1. This years Kids Craft was Scandinavian, Heart shaped, woven baskets. Olga Tarning had prepared pre cut kits from colored and spangled felt and about 10 children

and several adults made baskets.

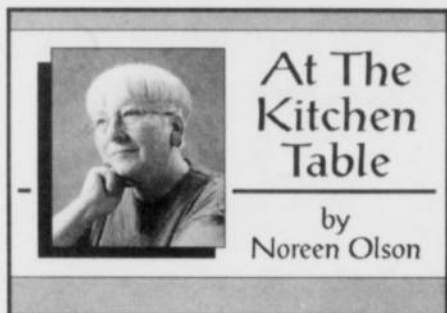
Instruction sheets were available to those who were interested and a small gift was added to the finished basket. The Scandinavian Choir from Calgary entertained us as did several of our members grandchildren. We sang around the tree, Santa came and gave out candy bags, everyone got an orange and with taped Scandinavian Christmas music in the background a spectacular pot luck dinner completed the day.

Next meeting is January 20 at 8:00 PM where we will have installation of officers and finalize plans for the Fish Dinner on the 26th. Guests are most welcome.

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At The Kitchen Table

by Noreen Olson

I was in the Co-Op in Carstairs last week when about ten teen-age girls came in, formed a group, and began to sing a Christmas Carol. It was delightful and such a lovely change from the ordinary that I felt better all afternoon. I didn't ask if this was a specific organization or if they were doing it for a class project, they looked like kids on the way home from school and I hope that's what they were. It would be nice if they were just spreading Christmas Spirit because they felt like it. And there is no better way to spread spirit than through music.

In ancient times singing Christmas songs was called "Wassailing." Groups of singers, mainly children, went from house to house to sing and be rewarded. The word "wassail" comes from the Anglo Saxon, "was hale" which means "be thou hale" and expressed a wish for good health. This was given as a toast and usually offered with a drink that was made of hot ale, apples, sugar and spices. The drink was offered in a decorated wassail bowl that was passed from hand to hand and everybody drank from it. The bowl was supposed to stay full from Christmas Eve to Twelfth Night in order to ensure continued good fortune. Wassailing was supposed to bestow fertility on man, beast and plants so even fruit trees were toasted and often a favorite apple tree was given a cupful of the brew.

The kids singing in the Co-Op were 'caroling.' Originally a carol was a dance where people held hands and danced around in a circle, singing as they went. This dance was popular anytime of the year and because the people who watched it thought the circle of dancers looked like a coronet or in Latin corolla they began to call it a carol. The name went from the dance to the song itself and by the 16th century the carols were sung only at Christmas so the songs dealt only with Christmas.

For a time Christmas carols were sung only in Church, and only by the Bishop and the clergy but carols rapidly became popular with everyone and once again they were heard in streets and public places. Carols as we know them now, always have a Christmas theme, but the subject is not always the birth of Jesus.

Everyone knows that Silent Night was written because Father Mohr, the priest in a little Austrian village discovered that mice had eaten the leather bellows from the organ and he had no proper music for his 1818 Christmas midnight Mass. He had a little poem that he had written and he took it to his schoolmaster friend Franz Gruber who, like Father Mohr, played the guitar. That same night the two men accompanying themselves on guitars sang the carol that has become a favorite all over the World.

Good King Wenceslas was a 10th century Bohemian Prince who is supposed to have been very kind. He was killed in 929AD so that his brother could take over the Kingdom. The story about his taking bread and fuel to the poor may or may not be true and the tune that John Mason Neale set it to is from a 13th century spring dance.

Christmas Trees originated in Germany and so did O Tannenbaum. Ernst Anschutz an elderly teacher in Leipzig had fought with the headmaster of his school. On his way home he saw Christmas trees for sale and while he was thinking about how they keep green even in the worst winter, he was able to calm himself and become less agitated. This inspired him to convert a folksong about Christmas trees to O Tannenbaum. The tune is from a 12th century Latin drinking song.

On Christmas eve in 1865 Phillip Brooks attended a church service in Bethlehem. By 1868 he was minister of Holy Trinity in Philadelphia and when the children of the Church School needed a Christmas song he wrote Oh Little Town of Bethlehem in one evening.

Oh Holy Night is French by birth, Oh Come All Ye Faithful was once called the Portuguese Hymn. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen is of course English and We Three Kings is American.

Whatever the origin, whatever the original tune try to sing some carols with your kids this Christmas. The old ones are best and every child should learn as many as possible but in a pinch, and to get you started, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer is acceptable, White Christmas is considered a classic and if you really must, you can even go for Frosty the Snowman.

JACKSON WI NEWS

Group recognizes Cremona essay winners

Thirteen members and two guests met at Darlene Hallett's house for the November meeting. Roll Call was "bring a picture of your family and tell where everyone is and what they are doing." It seems that there are some of us in all corners of the world and in most of the professions and it was most interesting to get caught up on everyone's news.

Members reported on Community involvement, we served Tea at the Auxiliary Hospital in Didsbury on November 13 and on October 31 made presentations to the winners of the essay contest at Cremona School.

Marie Scott brought a report from the Fall Executive meeting held at Joan Foat's. Constituency Conference will be April 3, 2003 at the Carstairs United Church and Bancroft is the Host Group. Convenors need our choices for the Handicraft and Home Ec. Lists by the end of this year and we are asked to bring our suggestions to the December meeting. Correspondence included a letter from the Christmas in the Village Committee reminding us about the Cremona Winterfest on Dec. 7 and a letter from Maxean Brigley, past president of Alberta Women's Institutes.

Under New Business Darlene Hallett volunteered some entertainment for our December meeting and the planning committee for our 2003 program arranged to meet at Lita's on Tuesday Nov. 26. It was decided that the quilt that Zella has given us will be raffled at the Constituency Conference and the money we make from this will be split between District Director Travel Fund and

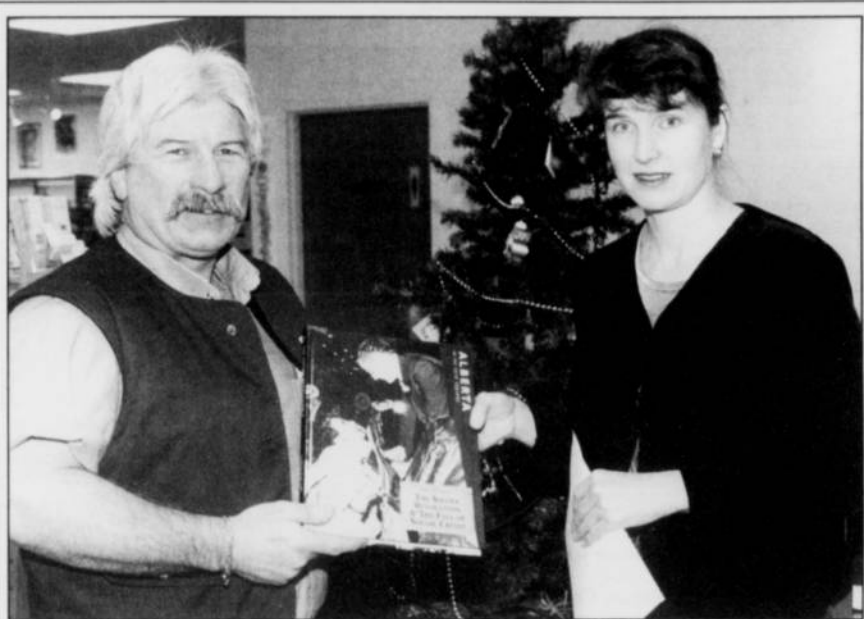
the Constituency.

Dorit Bird condensed the Federated news for us. The Adelaide Hoodless Homestead is cutting costs by closing during the winter months and renting the upstairs apartment to aid income. A WI Branch in England has established a record by knitting the World's longest scarf at 25.68 miles. The scarf has now been reassembled into 4000 blankets that have been distributed among the needy. We are warned about identity theft, one of the fastest growing crimes. Do not give out your SIN#, be careful with your credit cards. A Website has been established for Associated Country Women of the World and in PEI a WI bike tour raised enough money to buy a videoscope for the local Hospital.

November is when we plan hostesses and topics for the next year and this was accomplished. For her Environment and Conservation Topic Judy Bellamy gave us a quiz. It's difficult to accept that we waste so many of our resources and with a little effort we could conserve much more than we do.

Marie Olson had the Bit of Fun, the story of A One Tree Nature Preserve and how feeding a cute little Squirrel and a couple of sparrows can lead to hordes of hungry critters dominating your backyard. Ev Robertson offered to deliver our contributions to the Women's Shelter.

December meeting is at Noreen Olson's on December 11. We will be taking cash contributions for the Food Bank and an unwrapped toy. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 337-2042 or 337-2037.



Book donation

ATCO employee Gary Dolha presented library volunteer Mary Lynne Leggette with a volume of Alberta in the 20th Century. The volume is the tenth of a 12 book set.

DIDSBURY AG. SOCIETY NOTES

Ag. Society approached about bull-riding event on new land

by Marge St. Clair

1. The A.A.A.S. Convention will be held in Grande Prairie Feb. 14 - 16 2003, deadline for registration is Jan. 15/03

2. The Appreciation night was well attended and enjoyed by all.

3. The Ag Society will help

with the Semi Regional 4H Show.

4. The Land Comm. showed a preliminary sketch and the ground is being levelled for the outdoor rodeo and arena.

5. The Livestock Pavilion will be rented to the Airdrie BMX Assoc. for 4 mons.

6. The Active Ag. Member

Scholarship was awarded to Kristin Barr.

7. Alan Shields spoke on the possibility of hosting a Professional Bull Riding Event on the new land, more to report at Jan. Meeting.

8. The Annual General meeting will be held Sun. Jan. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Curling Rink Lounge.

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ENVIRONMENT

Canada's progress in producing clean power

Wind energy is captured when the blades of a large wind mill turn and operate a generator which produces electricity to feed into the electricity grid.

It sounds simple because it is.

The basic technology has been available for many years. More recently improvements lie in growing efficiencies of design, production and operation especially electronic controls and remote monitoring.

World-wide about 50,000 wind turbine generators operate producing some 25,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity. Germany is the leading producer with 9,500 MW while Canada sits shyly in the corner with 215 MW of which Quebec and Alberta each produce slightly less than half. With one of the world's largest land masses, Canada - and especially Alberta - has excellent wind resources. So why do we lag so far behind?

Production of electricity by wind power on average is more costly than conventional sources by a few cents per kWh. To mitigate this difference the federal government provides an incentive of one cent/kWh to new installations for the first 10 years of operation.

There is no good reason why provincial governments



ROBERT AUSTIN
GREEN MATTERS

could not match this figure or even do a little better. It might be argued that such incentives are subsidies but historically the coal mining and petroleum industries have been and in some cases still are receiving similar incentives.

A still fairer way is to view these incentives as rewards for energy generation that does not produce harmful emissions and will never require clean-ups.

In Alberta there is also a problem with property taxes, which are based on capital costs. A wind turbine costs about the same as other sources of electricity to build and install, per kWh of potential output. But since on average any single turbine operates only 1/3 of the time due

to wind variation, the wind generator pays three times the tax other sources pay to generate the same amount of power. Here again is an opportunity for government to level the playing field based on clean operation now and no later clean-ups.

Governments, companies, organizations and individuals may unilaterally decide to buy a percentage of their electricity from green sources. The federal government has committed to 20% and Calgary's LRT runs green.

The most exciting technology for clean power may lie in fuel cells. These devices convert the chemical energy of hydrogen into electricity in a non-combustive process.

They can power everything from a cell phone to buildings and vehicles. The National Research Council of Canada, with \$20 million of federal support is working with its Innovation Centre in Vancouver to support this initiative. It is estimated that by 2011 world sales in fuel cells will reach US \$46 billion.

Canada is fortunate to have one of the world's leading producers of fuel cells in Ballard Power Systems of Burnaby, B.C. The company has 600 employees in Canada

and offices on three continents. Ballard was recently chosen by Mercedes to supply fuel cell engines for its 30 Citaro demonstration buses in Europe and is in consultation with Ford to design a system for automobiles.

Probably the least known source of clean energy is the ground source heat pump or geo exchange. Using the earth's relatively constant temperature of 12°C - 15°C and a series of underground pipes filled with a liquid solution, buildings can be heated in winter and cooled in summer. Earth Energy Utility Corp., a leading proponent, is headquartered in Switzerland with North American headquarters in Burlington, Ont.

We are making progress in developing and using clean power, but ever so slowly. Certain corporations such as British Petroleum, Dupont Canada Inc., Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting and Chevron Canada Ltd., are already reaching goals they set for energy savings.

Governments could and should be exhibiting leadership but unless you and I make our concerns known to our representatives, probably little will change.

Robert Austin is a former educator and businessman who lives in Didsbury.

Country Critter Club

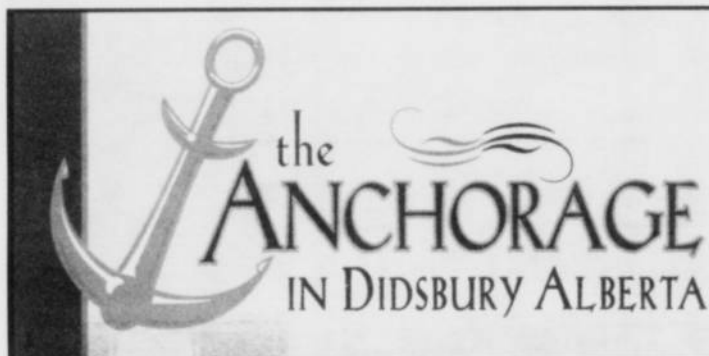
by Sara Blankert

Hi there! We have a new 4-H club called Country Critters club and have 32 members. Our club involves dogs and horses. Held every Wednesday at the Rugby Hall, we are teaching our dogs obedience and after Christmas we will be teaching agility.

The Halloween Party held on Wednesday, October 30, 2002 involved kids and dogs dressing up for the event with lots of fun had by all. We helped out at the Rugby Turkey dinner on November 10, 2002.

It was a great turn out. We have also sold Avon beanie puppies as a fundraiser, with great success. This money helps us buy mats and equipment for our agility classes. We are also raising money by selling t-shirts and dog ID cards at the Calgary Dog Show on November 29 to December 1, 2002. We have met many interesting people.

This has been a blast for our dogs and ourselves. Our elected positions are held by: President - Kassy Luedke, Vice President - Danielle Senior, Secretary - Shandy Onishenko, Treasurer - Sylvia Cicko and Club Reporter - Sara Blankert.



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D.A.R.E. donation

Ev Peters (right) manager of the Household Goods Thrift Store hands over a \$2000 cheque to Gloria Wipf which will go to support the local D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. D.A.R.E. is instructed to Grade 6 students and teaches kids about drugs, alcohol, peer pressure, self-esteem, violence, media influences and a variety of other topics to aid them in their life decisions.

Up & Down the Fireman's Ladder

by Tyrone Patton

Well here we are with 3 weeks left until Christmas and my last article until 2003. I can't believe how fast the year has gone. One year ago I was telling everyone about Pat and his crew working on the bush buggy. We have now been using it for almost 8 months and it has proved itself to be an invaluable piece of equipment.

By the time you have read this article we will have had our annual Family Christmas Party. It gives us a chance to meet the significant others and children of our fellow firefighters. The kids get to visit with Santa and we all get to eat way too much delicious food.

As is usual with the end of the year, we now have to wait for new budgets to find out what new equipment we'll be able to buy and how much we'll be able to spend on specialized training. We'll find out shortly after the New Year.

One thing we are definitely

in need of for next year, and we don't need a budget to ask for it, is more people to become firefighters. We have room for 7 more firefighters. If you are 18 or older and would like to volunteer your time, you are invited to come to the fire hall on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and ask for Rick, Mike or Pat.

Since my last report we responded to 13 calls. They were:

Ambulance Assist- 5
Alarm/no fire - 3
M.V.A. - 2
Grass Fires- 2
R.C.M.P. Assist- 1

This holiday season, when possible, use lights instead of candles and never leave open flames unattended.

The women and men of the Didsbury and District Fire Authority would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2003.

ST. CYPRIAN'S ACW NEWS

Group receive thank-you from foster child

by Anne Milne

We received a letter from our foster child Sandra Elizabeth Ramery thanking us for the gifts she had received. Also a letter from St. Emmanuel and St. Chad's Training Centre in Saskatoon, thanking us for our donations. Enclosed was a nice picture of the College. This is where Noel Wygiera trained to become a Priest.

Betty McMullen took over 50 Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes in and was told they were the first ones to arrive.

Hazel Milers paper was about how one family observed the Christmas Season. They set up the Creche with no straw in the cradle, then agreed to add a straw for each good deed they

did for someone. By Christmas, the cradle was full to welcome the baby Jesus!

The nomination committee is Edna Vermut and Jessie Nelson. Please be prepared to say "Yes" when you are asked to take a position. The annual meeting will be held on Mon. Jan 27/03 at 1:30 p.m.

On wed. Dec 11th, we are invited to Dolores Walls home for a Christmas get together, please bring a sample of your Christmas baking.

Our tea and sale on Nov. 16 was a resounding success. Many thanks for all the willing hands and all those who came out to enjoy it. Christmas Greetings to everyone. May you celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

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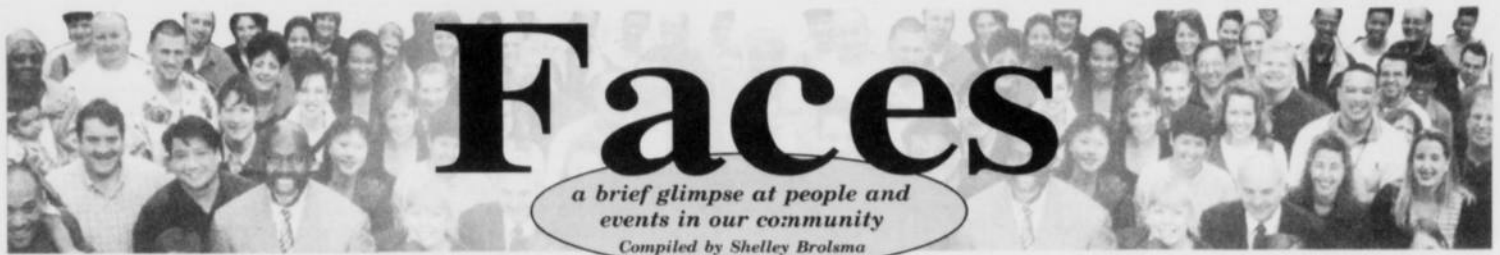
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Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community
Compiled by Shelley Brolsma

Elks/Royal Purple still pulling those Tabs for Tots

It may not seem like a big deal, but tossing away your pop or juice cans without removing the pull tab first can make a huge difference in the quality of life for youngsters in our community.

Thanks to a program created by the Alberta Elks Foundation, those tiny aluminum tabs can translate into thousands of dollars of donated equipment at regional hospitals (such as ours in Didsbury).

Kelly Larson is the

Didsbury Royal Purple Historian. She says last year alone, Didsbury managed to collect enough drink tabs to raise \$8,000 towards the purchase of specialized health care equipment. "The funds are usually banked and once enough money is raised, one of our committees decides what kind of specialized equipment is most needed at the hospital. In the past we have helped purchase such items as incubators, scales, or stretchers." The committee Larson refers to is a joint Elks and Royal

Purple Ad-Hoc Committee appointed by the incoming Presidents. Recommended committees consist of five people - one of which is a member of the Foundation. The committee will work as a liaison between the Associations and the hospitals in choosing the equipment in need.

In the Didsbury area, Larson says tabs are collected at such locations as the Didsbury High School, Hugh Sutherland School, and the Bowden Institution. "Once we

have enough to fill up a half ton truck, we ship them to the Foundation Office in Red Deer, where a record is kept of the weight of tabs sent in by each lodge across the province. These tabs will be sold to the scrap metal dealer in Red Deer."

While the system works simply enough, Larson points out it takes a lot of tabs to make even a small amount of cash. "It takes about 2000 tabs to make a pound of metal, and a pound is only worth about .41 cents...so it does take a lot of

tabs to generate some money, but it's worth it."

Larson points out that tabs are not the only form of aluminum the program will accept. "We also accept things like aluminum siding, hub caps, just about anything made from aluminum. If people so desire, they can also make a direct donation to the Project."

Anyone wishing to become involved in the local Tabs for Tots program is encouraged to contact an Elks or Royal Purple member.

Head back to the Manger this Christmas

Planning a trip for the holidays? Why not include a trip back in time to the manger this Christmas?

It's as easy as heading down to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury Saturday, December 21st, Sunday, December 22nd, or Monday, December 23rd. There, at 7:45 pm sharp, you will be witness to an authentic outdoor re-enactment of the first Christmas.

Lutheran Church Pastor Rob Mohns says the play has been a long-standing tradition at the Church involving

virtually every member of the congregation. "They are all involved, in one way or another. Whether it's helping set up the props or the bleachers for our audience to view the presentation...or acting in the play itself...or helping in the kitchen serving up apple cider and hot chocolate to our visitors. Each individual plays an integral part of making the evening a success."

Didsbury's Live Outdoor Nativity is one of few presented in the area during the Christmas season. "To my

knowledge we are the only one in Didsbury that uses live animals and authentic props to tell about the Christmas story...but I do realize there is one in Olds and I believe Drumheller," says Mohns. "The whole story only takes about 20 minutes to complete, so it's not a long time to be outdoors at all." Apart from providing an excellent opportunity for fellowship among friends and neighbors, Mohns says the Outdoor Live Nativity provides an excellent teaching forum allowing people to live and understand the

story of Jesus' birth personally. "This helps to reaffirm the gospel to us. Everyone - from small children to adults - can all learn and relive this story first-hand."

Those familiar with the production will notice some changes organizers are working on incorporating this year. With the passing of Howard Krebs recently who traditionally played the role of Joseph, we will be looking to find a new actor for that part. We aren't telling who it is yet, it will have to be a surprise," says Pastor Mohns.

"...Also, we have had to do something a little different with the way our angels appear on the rooftop. For safety reasons we are unable to have them use the roof this year, so we are working on some other alternatives."

Anyone interested in attending the Live Outdoor Nativity Performances is encouraged to stop by the church at 7:45 pm December 21st, 22nd, or 23rd. Christmas baking and refreshments are available in the Church gymnasium directly following the performance.

Farm and Ranch Bonspiel Fast Approaching

There's no time like the present to register your rink for the 9th Annual Didsbury Farm and Ranch Bonspiel coming up in Didsbury January 6th - 11th.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Harry Reese, says if last year's bonspiel is any indication, it won't take long before all 50 rinks are once again filled in the popular event. "Entries are open until December 20th, so there's re-

ally not that much time to register before the busy Christmas season is upon us."

Although the bonspiel will take place at the Didsbury Curling Club, entrants can come from virtually any town in the surrounding district. "There are no boundaries this year. Anyone can enter providing they farm somewhere in the surrounding area. Included in the bonspiel this year will once again be a special wrap-up banquet night

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on Saturday, January 11th at the Memorial Complex. "We'll have our 'pick-a-prize' table set up as part of the night's festivities along with some door prizes...so it should be a pretty fun evening."

The cost of entering in the bonspiel is \$80.00 per rink. Anyone interested in registering curlers for the event or in sponsoring prizes at the event can contact Harry Reese at 335-3181.



Harry Reese

Chamber catches Christmas Spirit

Midnight Madness might be over, but business owners in Didsbury are still busy cultivating their Christmas spirit.

This Thursday, December 12th, all merchants are invited to a festive Christmas Social at the Train Station beginning at 5:45 pm.

Val Puttick works as Vice Chairman of the Chamber of

Commerce in town and is helping organize the special evening. "I think it is so important that we do things like this to help increase community spirit at this time and throughout the year," she says.

"Many, many people have put long hours into ensuring that the Chamber stays afloat and this is a great way of cel-

ebrating our accomplishments."

In keeping with the local flavor of the evening, the dinner (which starts at 6:15 pm) will be catered by Marko's Bakery. Later there will be festive music and door prizes to enjoy.

"We are really looking forward to a good turnout," says Puttick. "We did deliver invi-

tations to most of the businesses we could think of, so hopefully we've reached everyone." Puttick says if anyone has been missed to be sure to call the Didsbury Dry Cleaners so we can better plan for the meal.

Tickets for the event are \$10.00 per person for Chamber members and \$12.00 per person for non-members.



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LIFESTYLES

SOUTH WEST DIDSBURY NEWS

60th wedding anniversary celebrated by area couple

by Mrs. Bessie Eckstrand

Approximately 200 family and friends gathered at the Westcott Community Centre on Sunday, November 17th to celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Clifford and Angeline Murphy.

Son, Frank Murphy was MC for the afternoon.

MLA Richard Marz congratulated the couple and read greetings from the provincial government. He also stated that he and his wife were celebrating their 37th anniversary.

Grandchildren, John and Angela Bowhay read congratulations from the Town of Didsbury, Mountain View County, federal government up to and including greetings from Queen Elizabeth II. The front of the room was decorated with larger than life sized wedding and 50th anniversary pictures of the bride and groom.

Angeline's maid of honor, sister Louise Stone and her husband, Bob were in attendance as well as her other two sisters, Emily McNeil and Anne Kohut. Clifford's best man, Milton Russell from Ontario was unable to attend. Both Louise and Clifford referred to the weather of 1942 - how deep the snow was and 30 degrees below - quite a change from the sunny, warm, windy afternoon of 2002. Angeline and Clifford thanked everyone for coming. Daughter, Bonnie Kelsey asked a blessing and a delicious lunch was enjoyed by the crowd. The rest of the afternoon was spent visiting with friends, old and new, neighbours and family.

Sympathy to the Krebs family as Mother Verla La Rue (nee Russel) passed away November 19, 2002. She grew up

in the West Country, received her education at Rugby School, June 12, 1941, she married Albert Krebs.

They raised three children, Larry, Keith, & Verla. She assisted husband in the farming, enjoyed the dairy & garden and music. Late husband played the violin in the Krebs orchestra & they attended many dances and functions in the area.

She was an active member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church & a good friend & neighbor. She loved to visit and have a good laugh. She moved to Didsbury in 1988, moved to the Nursing Home one year ago. She will be sadly missed.

Knox U.C.W. met at the Church on Tues. morning (on account of a funeral) November 26th with 17 members, & chaired by Pres. Bessie Eckstrand. Rev. Nancy Nourse spoke on her trip down east for a Church Meeting, discussion & learning sessions. How to deal with changes within the Church, millions don't believe its necessary to be part of the Church community to be a Christian.

So this is a challenge to the groups within the church. The young adults don't necessarily choose their parents faith, do we welcome people seeking help to have meaning in their lives.

Women's work has changed, they often work outside their homes and then have home and family to consider.

Single parents makes for a new lifestyle, has the Church recongized these needs? The diversity of the Congregation and trying to deal with it is a real challenge to the Ministers & Congregations. Rev. Nancy was thanked for her contribution to the meeting and gave us much food for thought.

The nomination Report was brought in by Sec. Ethel Rykman, & ladies were installed by Rev. Nancy as follows:

Past Pres- Bessie Eckstrand
Pres - Evelyn Clarke
Vice Pres - Margaret Gilchrist
Sec. - Ethel Rykman
Treasurer - Wilma Hunter
Standing Committee
Thrift Shop - Karen Baudistal & Madonna Penner
Cards- Birgit Due
Kitchen - Beth Oleson & Hazel Wilson

Flowers- Bessie Eckstrand
Bazzar- Audrey McDonald

The retiring executive were all thanked by Evelyn Clarke for their many years of Faithful Service. Plans were completed for their Annual Christmas Service & party on Dec. 3rd. All U.C.W. Ladies Thrift Shop volunteers & ladies of congregation are asked to attend.

Rain put an end to the combining last week, but its supposed to be nice for a while, so maybe the farmers will be able to complete their harvest yet again before Christmas, and then let it snow or rain, we need a lot of moisture.

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:55am
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For more information ph: 335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran
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1500-23st
Rev. Robert Mohs
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Adult Bible Study Sunday: 9:30a.m.
Worship: 10:30a.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30a.m.
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Ministry Group, Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week.

St. Anthony's Catholic
2030 - 24th Ave. Didsbury Phone 335-3084
Catechism classes: Tuesdays at 3:30pm
Church Social: the 3rd weekend of the month
Contact Claude Bail at 335-3842
CWL Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month 1:00 p.m.

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church
(14km East of Didsbury)
Pastor John Lucas
Office: 335-4422
Home: 335-8923
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
For info. Concerning weekly activities please call the Church office.

Chinook Winds Christian Centre
1710 - 14st Didsbury
SUNDAY CELEBRATION: 10a.m.
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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: If you were a parent and knew that your son or daughter was thinking about engaging in sexual intercourse, wouldn't you talk to them about condom usage? If our kids are going to have sex anyway, shouldn't we make sure they are properly protected?

DR. DOBSON: I would not, because that approach has unintended consequences. By recommending condom usage to teenagers we inevitably convey five dangerous ideas: (1) that "safe sex" is achievable; (2) that everybody is doing it; (3) that responsible adults expect them to do it; (4) that it's a good thing; and (5) that their peers know they know these things, breeding promiscuity. Those are very destructive messages to give our kids. Furthermore, Planned Parenthood's own data shows that the No. 1 reason teenagers engage in intercourse is peer pressure! Therefore, anything we do to imply that "everybody is doing it" results in more - not fewer - teens who give the game a try. What I'm saying is that our condom distribution programs do not reduce the number of kids exposed to the disease - they radically increase it! And consider this: Research indicates that where disease prevention is concerned, the failure rate of condoms is incredibly high, perhaps 50 percent or greater.

Condoms also fail to protect against some STDs which are transmitted from areas not covered (the base of the male genitalia, for example). After 25 years of teaching safe-sex ideology, and more than 2 billion federal dollars invested in selling this notion, we have a medical disaster on our hands.

More than 500,000 cases of herpes occur annually, and the number of reported cases of chlamydia has risen 281 percent since 1987. Forty-six percent of chlamydia cases occur in teenage girls ages 15 to 19. In addition, there are now over 24 million cases of HPV (human papilloma virus) in the United States, with a higher prevalence among teens. Having acknowledged these problems, why in the world would I recommend this so-called "solution" to my son or daughter? Look at it this way. Suppose my kids were skydivers whose parachutes had been demonstrated to fail 50 percent of the time. Would I suggest that they simply buckle the chutes tighter? Certainly not. I would say, "Please don't jump. Your life is at stake!" How could I, as a loving father, do less? I should add that, despite the popular myth to the contrary, teens can understand, accept and implement the abstinence message. It's not true that young people are sexual robots, hopelessly incapable of controlling their own behavior. As a matter of fact, almost 50 percent of all high school students are virgins today, even though hardly anybody has told them it is a good thing. These kids desperately need to be affirmed in their decision and held up as positive examples for others. None of this will be accomplished by pushing condoms.

QUESTION: I read in the paper the other day that a 14-year-old boy shot a woman in the face for no reason at all. Things like that are happening all around us. When I was a kid I wouldn't even have sassed a teacher, much less assaulted one. Today the level of violence among the young is like nothing I've ever seen! Please comment on this.

DR. DOBSON: You are right, an epidemic of violence is occurring among the young that is expected to actually worsen in the next few years. During a recent meeting of Prison Fellowship workers in our city, a group of hardened former criminals said the kids growing up today scare them because they have no consciences. They can kill without a hint of remorse. It is true. In Seattle a few years ago, two boys, 12 and 13, beat to death a person coming out of a convenience store. There was no motive except a desire to brutalize someone - anyone - with a baseball bat. In Virginia, a 14-year-old shot the driver of a nearby car six times in the face. Why? "Because he looked at me," the boy said. In 1995 a family made a wrong turn down a street in Los Angeles and was subjected to a hail of gunfire which killed their little girl. Gang members poured bullets into the car for the sheer fun of it. And finally, who can forget the 5-year old Chicago boy who was pushed from an upper story window and fell to his death. His killers were 10 and 11 years old. This kind of random violence is more common among children and adolescents today than ever before in our history.

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Local soccer player preparing for European tour

by Richard Westlund

Fifteen year old Philip Haris will test his soccer skill against some of the best in the world when he travels with the Calgary Storm U-15 team to Barcelona next year.

Haris, a soccer enthusiast since he was 11-years-old, will travel with his Calgary team to the outdoor tournament in Spain, which hosts over 200 teams including the Manchester United Youth squad.

"I am really excited about this," said Haris. "This is going to be a great opportunity for our entire team."

Haris said the Calgary squad will be up against some very talented European players and he hopes that will help him learn to react to the play faster.

"It will definitely be tough competition," said Haris, who hasn't been to Spain but was born in England.

Haris started his soccer career in Cremona and was eventually recommended to the Storm - a team that focuses on developing young talent. That break has led to opportunities like the one before him now.

"I have been lucky to have had some great coaching," said Haris, naming Red Deer Coach Omar Martinez and Big Country coach Steve Fullarton.

The tournament in Spain is scheduled just after Easter of next year.



Philip Haris will travel with his team, the Calgary Storm, to play in an international tournament in Barcelona.



Didsbury curlers win Sundre tournament

Skip Carson Schultz, Jim Wilson (3rd), Bev Wilson (2nd), Marianne Schultz (lead) and Nick Baron (spare lead) from Didsbury. The team beat out 26 other rinks, including 13 from Sundre, to take the trophy at the annual Sundre Seniors Bonspiel played from Dec. 2 - 5.

Maturity leading way towards confident play

by Barry Williams

Dec. 7.

Into the half way mark of the current Alberta Junior Hockey League schedule, the Olds Grizzlys are maturing and improving in all aspects of the game.

With the recent signing of three veteran forwards, Chris Beston, Cody Machney and Diarmuid Kelly the Grizzlys have gained needed experience along the front lines and maturity to assist the rookie players in their development.

According to Grizzlys' Head Coach/General Manager, Brett Cox, the newly acquired players have fit perfectly into the line-up and are the main reason the team has embarked on their recent winning streak.

"There is no doubt these players bring maturity to our team and this has increased the player's confidence," said Cox after the Grizzlys whipped the Brooks Bandits 12-2 in AJHL action at the Sportsplex on Sat.

With one of the youngest rosters in the AJHL, Cox indicated the coaching staff felt they needed a veteran presence heading into the last half of the schedule.

"Our younger players are maturing and as they do their play is improving," added Cox indicating the addition of the veteran players will take some of the pressure off most of the rookie players.

With more veteran players dressing for the games, Cox believes the younger players will learn from the veterans' work ethic and leadership.

And with a full roster of 25 players, Cox now has the advantage of pencilling in the best possible roster for each scheduled game.

"When ever a team can add maturity, the confidence of the other players increases, and the overall play of the team improves," added Cox.

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"Every player will have the opportunity of contributing to the success of this team whether they are playing or not," added Cox, noting the players not dressed have to be ready to step into the line-up when they are called upon.

"We now have four extra players to rotate in and out of the line-up and this gives us more depth," explained Cox.

The bottom line for Cox for the rest of the season is to ensure the

best line-up is on the ice always playing on the same page.

After observing the play of the Grizzlies in the past few games, Cox feels the players are now buying into the system implemented by the coaching staff.

Offensively the Grizzlies have more fire power up

front and with the return of three veteran defencemen captain Rob Cowan, TJ Pettersson and Joey Marsh back from the injury department, the defensive core has improved.

A rock solid roster proved their worth against the Brooks Bandits as the Grizzlies demolished them in a home

and home series played over the week end. In Brooks on Friday Dec. 8, the Grizzlies dominated the Bandits defeating them 7-2.

Backed by the solid netminding of Jordan Ramstead in both games the Grizzlies' offensive power came through by denting the twine 19

times in two games and the blue liners limited the Bandits' scoring chances allowing just 4 goals against.

In Brooks, Ramstead made 22 saves to record the victory. Depositing pucks behind Bandits' netminder, Ryan Martin, were Matt Piller,

Diarmid Kelly, Cody Machney, Mark Smyth, Shea Hamilton, Paul Bradley and Tyler Hilbert.

For the Bandits, Dustin Wallin and Shane Kocher lit up the lamp. Grizzlies had plenty of scoring chances firing 45 shots at the Bandits' net.

Didsbury Men's Open Bonspiel

by Marge St. Clair

This was a round robin double knockout formula with the top 2 teams in each pool going to the A side and the bottom 2 teams to the C side. And the results were:

A Event

1. Doug Manning, Derek Doi, Dennis Remillard, Ron Thorpe - Olds.

2. Gary Gaudette, Brad Halbauer, Nick Baron, Bill Headick - Didsbury.

3. Stan Laveck, Jim Wilson, Rod Snyder, Graham Collinge - Didsbury.

4. Jordan Lunt, Carson Schultz, Kyle Couture, Mike Monteith - Didsbury.

B Event

1. Jordan Lunts team.

2. Stan Lavecks team.

3. Ric Phillips Jr. Curtis Mousseau, Rick Phillips Sr., Al Crawford - Didsbury.

4. Dennis Rommelle, Brian Kroll, Gene Leonard, Marshall Cullen, Olds.

C Event

1. Greg Morrow, George Van Vliet, Mitch Rahala, Bryn Jones (Ernie Israelson - Didsbury).

2. Vern Wilshusen, Gil Dalziel, Stephen Luft, Doug Weigum - Didsbury.

3. Harry, Barry & Greg Reese, Clint Magnus - Didsbury.

4. Lyle Craven, Vern Hancock, Ray Arnold, Eugene Brown - Didsbury.

D Event

1. Lee Hunter, Kent Clifford, Gary Jeffries, Ray Herrick - Didsbury.

2. Harry Reese team.

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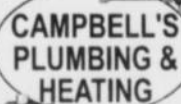
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Thank you to our family for all the extras they did for our 60th Anniversary. To all who came to make our day so special. Many thanks for the lovely cards and good wishes.

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Successful applicants will be assertive individuals with demonstrated interpersonal skills, strong communication skills, and problem-solving ability. Those applicants with prior experience in a production or manufacturing environment, and/or with supervisory experience, will be given preference. Certificates in forklift operation, WHMIS, and First Aid would be assets.

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Phone: 613.992.4211
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